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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SHUM, RP

SUBJECT: AQUINO CASE: HEARING ADJOURNS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19

REF: MANILA 11076

1. AT JULY 22 HEARING, MILITARY DEFENSE COUNSEL (LTC SANTOS) SAID HE IS PREPARED PRESENT EVIDENCE IN BEHALF OF AQUINO. SANTOS TOLD COURT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO DEFEND HIS CLIENT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT AQUINO PARTICIPATES.

2. COMMISSION THEN TOOK LENGTHY RECESS TO AWAIT ARRIVAL OF CO-DEFENDANT BERNABE BUSCAYNO. WHEN COMMISSION ASKED IF HE WOULD PARTICIPATE (AS HIS LAWYER JUAN DAVID HAD STATED AT PREVIOUS SESSION - SEE REFTEL), BUSCAYNO SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO BE USED AS LEVER BETWEEN MARCOS AND AQUINO AND WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE, BUT THAT LAWYER DAVID WOULD PRESENT DEFENSE FOR HIM. TRIBUNAL THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19.

3. COMMENT: DEVELOPMENTS AT TODAY'S HEARING SEEMED WELCOMED BY AQUINO'S LAWYERS SINCE AQUINO NOT FORCED TO TAKE DEFINITE STAND ON WHETHER OR NOT HE HIMSELF WILL PARTICIPATE IN DEFENSE. STULL

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